GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – PR&RD. Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC road and drain works in Chapuram (V), Sikakulam Dist -Departmental proceedings against Sri V. Sarat Kumar, former Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam (Now Retied) – Under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 167 **Dated: 20-03-2020**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.607, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt:20.03.2020.

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri V. Sarat Kumar, former Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, PRI Division, Srikakulam [now Retired] vide G.O.Ms.No.607, PR&RD [Vig.I] Department, Dated:20.03.2020, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri V. Sarat Kumar, Executive Engineer (PR)(Retd.), in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the article of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II]. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV]. Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri V. Sarat Kumar, Executive Engineer (PR)(Retd.) is directed to submit written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V. Sarat Kumar, Executive Engineer (PR)(Retd.) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.Sarat Kumar, Executive Engineer (PR) (Retd.) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri V.Sarat Kumar, Executive Engineer (PR)(Retd.) (w.e) **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, (with a request to serve the copies upon the C.O. and acknowledged the same for record.]

Copy to:-
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
The P.R. & R.D (Estt.I) Department.
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ANNEXURE - I

Statement showing the Article of Charges framed against Sri V.Sarat Kumar former Executive Engineer (PR) Srikakulam (now retired).

ARTICLE OF CHARGE:-

That **Sri V.Sarat Kumar former Executive Engineer (PR) Srikakulam, now retd,** during his tenure as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Srikakulam has involved in allegations of irregularities in execution of (8) no. of certain CC roads and drain works in Chapuram (V) Srikakulam district and caused loss to Govt. funds to a tune of Rs.**10,01,269**/-.

By his above mentioned act, **Sri V.Sarat Kumar former Executive Engineer (PR) Srikakulam (now retired)**, failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri V.Sarat Kumar former Executive Engineer (PR) Srikakulam now retired

The CE, PR, Vijayawada vide his Lr.No.QC1/Chapuram/Sklm/2016, Dt.14.11.2017, submitted a detailed report on certain cc road works (10 Nos) in Chapuram (V) Srikakulam District which were inspected by the V&QC team. Out of (10) No. of works inspected, (8) no. of works were rejected, since the works were executed with less strength of CC pavement and less thickness of GSB etc., and proposed loss caused to Govt. for a total amount of **Rs.10,01,269/-** The details of works are as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of the work/ **Date of Inspection**	Estt. Cost Rs. in lakhs	Grant	Complaint	As per inspection report submitted by the EE, V&QC	*Recovery proposed*
1	2	3	4	5	6	*7*
1	Constn. Of r/f Rice Mill to Mahalakshmi Nivas and 4 adjacent lanes of Vamsadhara Nagar-I (**18-07-2016**)	25.00	MGNREGS 40% MC	Defective road work	a)Less strength of CC pavement b)Less thickness of CC pavement c)Less thickness of GSB	153706 241060 014628
2	Constn. Of CC road Ammavari tree to Sri PVV Murali Mohan Kumar house **(10-11-2016)**	11.00	MGNREGS 40% MC		Less strength of CC pavement	163858
3	Constn of CC road from DCCB colony to Indira Nagar junction and 4 adjacent lanes of Chapuram(v) **(18-07-2016)**	25.00	MGNREGS		**a**)Rejected for less strength of CC pavement from 54.55 to 69.20m, 256.40 m to 271, 10m, 338.50 to 352.30m **b**) Less thickness of GSB	279272 6599
4	Constn. Of CC road from K.Murali house to Rice mill junction at Shirdi Sai nagar of Chapuram(v) (**28-01-2016**)	5.20	MGNREGS		Less thickness of CC pavement	31227
5	Constn. Of CC road and drain from Allu Rama Murthy house to Allu Kalidas house at BC colony of Chapuram(v) (**08-11-2016)**	6.00			Less strength of CC pavement	14963
6	Constn. Of CC road and drain from Anganwadi centre to Nakka Dharma Rao house of Chapuram(v) (**08-11-2016**)	11.50	MGNREGS & GP Convergence		Less strength of CC pavement for the reach 52.00 to 66.10m and 116.35 to 132.10m	11088

7	Construction of CC road and drain from Matta Suryanarayana house to K.Adinarayana house at Siddipeta of Chapuram (v) (**08-11-2016**)	9.50	MGNREGS & GP Convergence		Shortfall in length of CC pavement	11303
8	Const. Of CC road and drain from Chanti Kirana shop to Y.Yallappa house at Siddipeta of Chapuram(v) (**08-11-2016)**	11.50	MGNREGS & GP Convergence		Rejected for less strength of CC pavement from 60.15 to 80.30m	73565
Total						1001269

As seen from the findings of the V&QC team, **Sri V.Sarat Kumar former Executive Engineer (PR) Srikakulam (now retired)**, is responsible for the less strength of CC pavements/less thickness of CC pavements, less thickness of GSB, rejected for less strength of CC Pavement and shortfall in length of CC pavement in the above (8) eight works causing loss to the Govt exchequer to the tune of Rs.10,01,269/-.

By his above mentioned act, **Sri V.Sarat Kumar former EE (PR) Srikakulam (now retired)**, failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. SARAT KUMAR, FORMER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM (NOW RETD.) ARE PROPSOED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Letter No. QC1Chapuram/Sklm/2016, dated: 14.11.2017 & 14.11.2019 of the Chief Engineer, PR, Vig. & QC, Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE- IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI V. SARAT KUMAR, FORMER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ DIVISION, SRIKAKULAM (NOW RETIRED) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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Nil

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